

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week October 5 through October 8, 2017.

THURSDAY

10/05/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entries and scratches for the coming week. The cards were filled relatively well, as there are stake races and trials scheduled for the weekend. Changes were held to a minimum, as only a couple rider changes were made. Ward will be writing minutes for the week.

FRIDAY

10/06/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #4 Aiming Straight (vet-injured) refund of \$499.00
 7th race- #5 Block N Tackle (vet - injured) refund of \$127.00

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey G. Jairo Rangel was excused from his only mount of the evening as he was injured in a training accident earlier in the week and will be out for an unknown period of time. A replacement rider was named.

(3) **NICE EVENING**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(4) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	690	On Track Handle:	\$100,956.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,767</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$347,116.90
Total:	<u>2,457</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$699,874.03</u>
		Total:	\$1,147,947.13

SATURDAY

10/07/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #7 Salah's Diamond (Vet-injured) refund of \$207.00
 2nd race - #6 Snowmass Village (Vet-sick) refund of \$116.00

(2) **RULING #259****RULING # 259**

OWNER MANUEL A. BARAJAS, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2017 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 17LA0264, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MANUEL A. BARAJAS ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The ruling against Mr. Barajas was issued as he failed to respond to a complaint alleging possession of heroin with the intent to distribute. His arrest was the subject of a recent article in a horseracing publication, therefore rule #1902 could have come into play. Whether he is still in the "Crossbar Hilton" is not known at this time.

(3) RULING #260, #261, #262

RULING # 260

JOCKEY SALVADOR INIQUEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2017.

RULING # 261

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2017.

RULING # 262

JOCKEY JESUS J. CANALES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 6, 2017.

The rulings on the riders came about as none offered a valid excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(4) RIDER DELAYED

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was excused from his mount in the third race as he was riding out of state and his return flight was delayed. A replacement rider was named.

(5) RIDER OVER MAXIMUM

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu, who was removed from an earlier mount, probably should have begged off for the night as, when he stepped on the scale for the sixth, he was nine pounds over the weigh assigned to his mount. The horse was in with 121lbs., but Mr. Arvizu, who earlier had reported he would be doing 127 lbs., stepped on scales at 130. Since the maximum overweight is seven pounds, he had to be removed. A replacement was named.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at the start involving the third and sixth place finishers, #3 Coronas Bar (C. Mendez) and #2 Fuel (J. Ayala). After speaking with the riders involved and viewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. The incident had several factors. At the break, #2 broke inward and made contact with the #1 horse, Mucho Bravado. The contact sent Fuel to the outside, causing contact with Coronas Bar, which was headed in. That contact caught Coronas Bar in the hind quarters, tipping him in and causing him to come in further. In the Stewards' opinion, both horses were responsible for the interference and therefore no disqualification was warranted.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,075	On Track Handle:	\$138,581.20
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,834</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$428,733.60
Total:	2,909	Out of State:	<u>\$747,384.70</u>
		Total:	\$1,314,699.50

SUNDAY

10/08/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

1st race - #1 Green Beret (Vet-unsound) refund of \$268.00

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was excused from his only mount of the evening due to illness. The fact that the horse was 20-1 likely had no bearing on the fact that he came up sick. A replacement rider was named.

(3) RULING #263

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JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 15TH, 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, and 27TH, 2017) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1682 (WEIGHING OUT) AND #1684 (ITEMS INCLUDED IN WEIGHT).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES). THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Arriaga's explanation for switching saddles after weighing out for a race on Saturday failed to pass the smell test. The rider, who has a history of weight problems, said that he checked with a lighter saddle, but switched because the larger saddle felt "more comfortable".

(4) RULINGS #264, #266, #268, #269

RULING # 264

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

RULING # 266

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

RULING # 268

JOCKEY CESAR DEALBA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

RULING # 269

JOCKEY CESAR DEALBA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-

SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

The rulings were issued after the riders pleaded guilty to violation of the "crop" rule.

(5) RULING #265

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JOCKEY JUAN RAMIREZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 15TH, 20TH, AND 21ST, 2017) FOR A BLATANT VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

This ruling was issued as the rider failed to appear to defend himself for a blatant violation of the "crop" rule.

(6) RULING #267

RULING # 267

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683(MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017. (SECOND OFFENSE)

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Arvizu weighed out nine pounds overweight for the sixth race on October 7, 2017.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	618	On Track Handle:	\$104,327.60
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,756</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$396,870.80
Total:	2,374	Out of State:	<u>\$776,328.61</u>
		Total:	\$1,277,527.01

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 8, 2017.

There were no equine deaths to report this week.

During this reporting period 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 3 for injury, 1 for sickness and 2 for shock wave therapy.

Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

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SUMMARY 2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/06	SAT 10/07	SUN 10/08	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		3	4	1	8	279
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	28
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	58
REFUNDS		A			2	2	1	5	297
RULINGS			Y		0	4	7	11	265
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	86

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Steward)